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James the Seventh by the Grace of GOD, King of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and sundry Our good Subjects whom these presents do or may concern, Greeting. Whereas by the decease of Our most dear and most entirely beloved Brother King Charles the Second of ever blessed Memory, the Parliament of Our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, which was current before that time, is now actually dissolved. And seeing upon divers weighty Considerations, of great Importance to our Service, and to the Peace and Tranquillity of that Our Ancient Kingdom, We have thought fit to call a Parliament to meet at our City of Edinburgh upon the Ninth day of April next ensuing the date of these Presents. We do therefore Require and Command all Arch-Bishops, Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts, Bishops, Lords, and Officers of State of Our said Ancient Kingdom to be present, and attend that Day. And We do also Require and Command all our Sheriffs in the several Shires, and their Deputs forthwith to call and conveene all the Freeholders in the respective Shires, to the end that according to the Laws and Acts of Parliament, Elections may be made of fit Persons to be Commissioners for this Parliament. And We do likewise Require and Command Our Royal Burrows to make choice of Commissioners accordingly; and them and all Persons having Interest, to attend this Our Parliament, under the Pains contained in our Laws made thereanet. And to the effect all Our good Subjects may have notice of this Our Royal Will and Pleasure, We do hereby Command Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers, Purse-vants, and Messengers at Arms, to make timely Proclamation of these Presents at the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and at the Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burrows of the several Shires of that Our Kingdom.

Given at Our Court at VVhite-hall the Sixteenth of February 1685. And of Our Reign the first Year.

By His Majesties Command,
M O R R A T.

EDINBURGH, the 20 of February 1685.

Ordered by His Majesties Privy Council, that His Majesties said Proclamation be forthwith Published at the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and all other places needful, with all the usual and accustomed Solemnities. And Printed.

WILL. PATERSON, Clericus Secreti Concilij

GOD save the KING.

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